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Heading to San Diego, California in June

Elba High sends four FCCLA students to state competition; all win gold to advance

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members participated Thursday, March 10, in the Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events competition in Montgomery, Ala.

The Career Technical Service Organization had four members, Zalie McKelvy, Keelie Moseley, Adalyn O'Neal, and Destinee Tidwell, who competed in the categories: Job Interview and Repurpose and Redesign. All four students received gold medals and a berth to the National STAR Events Competition in San Diego, California in June.

Over 400 students from Alabama competed in 32 competitive events last week in Montgomery.

"Competitions such as these help to prepare students for a lifetime of success," said Elba's FCCLA advisor, Christina Morgan. "I am very proud of my students - winning Star Event competitions is one more way they are able to demonstrate they are college and career ready!"

McKelvy competed in Level 2 Job Interview, and she said this was a competition where she could choose a job to apply for while in high school and then show the steps to take to get that job. She also said the interview included her describing how she would be the



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most qualified to receive the job.

"I was kind of nervous to do it because I had never competed in this category before, and it was completely new to me," McKelvy said. "But, when I received the first place overall award, it was very rewarding."

O'Neal and Tidwell competed as a team in the Repurpose and Redesign Level 2 category, and they too received first place in their competition. Both said it was very special to learn they had won first place out of 14 teams that competed in their category.

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Elba's own Alex Wright spoke to elementary students Thursday, March 10, as part of his Impact for Change Tour. His hometown elementary school was the first stop on the tour. Above, he interacts with Elba students during the program.

Former Elba Tiger Alex Wright donates math books to Elba Elementary School

Students at Elba Elementary School had a treat Thursday, March 10, when Alex Wright, graduate of Elba High School and UAB linebacker, started his Impact for Change Tour.

Wright addressed the Elba students at an assembly to talk about education and adversity. As part of the event, he donated math workbooks to the students.

The workbooks focus on various math concepts at different grade levels.

Wright attended Elba Elementary and

Elba High School. He went on to play college football at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

As a junior at UAB, Wright was Second Team All-Conference USA and the PFF C-USA Defensive Player of the Year.

He finished the season with 46 tackles, three sacks, seven and a half tackles for loss, three pass breakups, 12 quarterback hits and two forced fumbles.

Wright will enter the 2022 NFL Draft in April.

Elba City Council approves several board appointments during meeting

The Elba City Council made some board appointments during its regular bi-monthly meeting held Monday evening, March 14, at Elba City Hall.

Two appointments for the Zoning Board of Adjustments were approved by the council.

Mark Kelley was appointed to replace Chelsea Cooper in the District 3 spot on the board. Mayor Tom Maddox said Cooper's current employer does not allow for her to serve on such boards; therefore she had resigned her spot.

Robbie Curran was re-appointed to serve another term as a supernumerary on the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

The Industrial Development Board had all nine spots up for reappointment or appointment. Eight of the nine were reappoints approved by the council.



Coffee County Commission recognizes state champ basketball team from Enterprise...

The Enterprise Wildcats Class 7A Boys State Champion Basketball team and coaches (pictured above) received special recognition Monday morning, March 14, at the Coffee County Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dean Smith read and presented a resolution from the county honoring the team on their success. The resolution further noted the team and coaches had represented the county with great distinction, sportsmanship, and class in attaining the championship.

Monday night.

Re-appointed for four-year terms [expiring in March 2026] were Daniel Stephens, chairman; Barry Giles, secretary; and Neil Grantham.

Re-appointed to six-year terms were Eddie Kelley, and Van McCall.

Re-appointed to two-year terms were Carrie Whitworth, John Holley, and Jake Cowen.

New to this board will be Carlos Magwood. He was appointed Monday night to a six-year term on the board. He will fill a spot vacated by former board member Ronnie Young.

Also, Mayor Maddox announced there had been some interest from a business in purchasing the Wells Fargo building. The mayor said he could not reveal any further details, but he said this could be potentially good news to come after Wells Fargo closes in May.

Wrestling and car show will highlight weekend in Elba

On Friday, March 18, TNA Impact wrestling will be in Elba for the "Rumble on the River" wrestling event. The wrestlers will deliver a program for Elba and Zion Chapel students during the day on Friday, and then they will be at Cook Chevrolet in downtown Elba from 3:30 p.m. for an autograph party.

At 7:30 p.m., the Elba High School gymnasium will host live wrestling action. There will be a Luchador event featuring Luchador Champion Antonio Garza vs. The Soul Sensation Amari Harper; an Intercontinental Championship Match featuring Action Mike Jackson vs. Christian Pierce; a U.S. Heavyweight Title Match will feature TNA Impact/WWE Superstar Johnny Swinger vs. The Wrestling Superstar; and the main event will be a \$1,000 Royal Rumble.

Tickets are on sale now at GoFan.co, and there will be tickets sold at the door. General admission is \$10. Approximately 90 ringside seats will be sold at \$20 each. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Elba High School football program.

On Saturday, March 19, the downtown square in Elba will be the sight of the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' 2022 Car Show, presented by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers.

The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and admission is free to the public. There will be cars and trucks of all makes and models.

There also will be arts and crafts and food vendors located around the square. Also, on Saturday, the Smithsonian Water/Ways traveling exhibit currently housed at the Elba Theatre in downtown Elba will be open to the public [during the car show hours].



LEGISLATIVE TOUR...The Elba Youth Leadership students from Elba High School visited with local legislators in Montgomery earlier this week, and they were able to see the state legislative bodies in action while on their tour. The Elba Youth Leadership Program is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Above, the students and their program leaders are pictured with retiring state Senator Jimmy Holley, and his other local legislators Mike Jones, Chris Sells and Rhett Marques.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." — William Arthur Ward

New postal regulations from U.S. Congress does not address the ongoing slowdown in mail delivery. The new regulations were welcomed by postal folks because they relieved the postal service of millions of financial obligations and put that directly on the government. It also required postal workers to sign up for Medicare when eligible (also relieving the PO from paying their medical insurance forever). Studies show a gradual slowdown in mail delivery since the 1970's. Recent guidelines from the Postmaster General openly state that mail delivery will get even slower.

The ongoing mess in the Ukraine is heartening on one level but horrible and typical war on the flip side. Ukraine fighters are apparently putting up a very stiff resistance to the much larger Russian assaults, but at a heavy cost in human life and property. Pictures showing the damage and death in the battle zones present a sobering reality to those of us who are only worrying about the upward spiral of the price of gasoline. Of course as with most wars, the leader of the attackers still sits in his plush office, wearing a suit and tie, with little visible concern for the deaths and misery being inflicted on the innocent Ukraine citizens and his own Russian soldiers.

License free concealed gun carry is now official in Alabama. The legislature passed the bill and the governor quickly signed the documents. We are not concerned about the dollars lost by the agencies who issued the licenses, but about the potential lives lost from the nuts law enforcement know are carrying a pistol in their belt but can do nothing but wait for them to shoot someone before legally taking any action against this nut or hot head.

COVID variant "BA.2" has been reported all around the world in recent weeks and now is in the U.S. We have seen very little about this particular strain of the bug, but experts are hoping the number of people who have actually had COVID and the number of those with the full vaccinations will couple together and put a damper on the spread of this "new kid on the block." We received a news release from a politician this week who likened COVID to "the flu", so we assume he is preaching that "the government is out to get you" – or something. We replied to that person something like, "If he had seen all the funerals and very sick folks we have seen as the result of COVID, he wouldn't get close to such a statement."

The Pea River bridge has been repaired... maybe. Paving crews were back on the job a couple of weeks ago and did some extra work on the expansion joints. Hopefully the "stuff" they packed the joints with will work, but we are not convinced. Those joints are necessary for expansion as temperatures change but appear to this "non-bridge engineer" to be larger than they were in past years. That could only be true if there is shifting in the bridge foundations – something that sounds frightening and something that if true, will only get worse and lead to – well lots and lots of impossible expense on Elba's part.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!

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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, March 8, 2022, and Monday, March 14, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Mar. 8 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Elm Ave (1:42 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1404 Reese Ave (9:29 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (11:34 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Beaver Dam St (12:27 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on County Rd 239 (4:27 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1058 Morrow Ave (5:45 p.m.); Assault reported at 20 County Rd 401 (7:26 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Wednesday, Mar. 9 – Theft of property reported at 435 Newton St (10:16 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (12:05 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 – a warning was issued to the driver (12:23 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 992 Hwy 203 – an arrest was made (3:51 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1282 Ann St (5:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Guyton St (8:17 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hickman Ave (8:27 p.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:51 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, two citations, and one arrest.

Thursday, Mar. 10 – Theft of property reported at 289 County Rd 407 (8:48 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 20426 Hwy 87 (9:12 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1511 Powell Circle (1:52 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported to Elba Police (3:30 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 (6:39 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1305 Forest Lake Dr (10:06 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 S (11:10 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, one arrest, one report, and one unfounded.

Friday, Mar. 11 – Theft of property reported at 990 Hwy 203 (12:14 p.m.); Harassment reported at 429 Plant Ave (2:08 p.m.); Drug activity reported on Hwy 84 (2:20 p.m.); Fight reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (11:39 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, one citation, and one advice given.

Saturday, Mar. 12 – Prowler reported on Cherokee Lane (12:07 a.m.); Civil complaint reported on Beaver Dam St (11:16 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 2011 Hickman Ave (8:49 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, one written warn-

ing, and one citation.

Sunday, Mar. 13 – Five traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and two written warnings.

Monday, Mar. 14 – Noise complaint reported on Edgewood Dr (12:09 a.m.); Harassment reported on Caroline St (2:26 p.m.); Identity theft reported at 1716 Martin Luther King Dr (3:51 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 165 Lindsey St (3:57 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 321 Adkinson Ave (4:27 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (8:40 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 828 E Davis St (8:56 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 2858 Hwy 125 – a warning was issued (9:31 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings.

Upon arriving at lunch, Lou Lou had the opportunity to tell the waitress

ress without anyone else [except Sister] hearing for

recently. While Lou Lou loves to aggravate those closest to her, and poke fun in her 'Tales from Yonder' there are some things more important and being kind to one another is one of those things.

Often after the Sunday morning church service, Lou Lou will venture to a favorite local restaurant with friends to eat lunch. This past Sunday was not different...well, it was a little different. Earlier in the day, Lou Lou and friends had learned of the untimely, way-too-soon death of a person that came into their lives five or so years ago.

After everyone left the restaurant, Lou Lou made another quick stop to pick something up for Papa, and this is when she really got reminded the importance of kindness for us all. Upon

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Obituaries

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VERNETTE H. MADDOX

Mrs. Vernette H. Maddox, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, from First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Robert Paul and Rev. Kit Johnson officiating. Burial services followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Mrs. Vernette was an educator for over 30 years with the Coffee County School systems.

She was preceded in death by her husband - James T. Maddox, mother - Lois Kendrick Hudson, father - James Arthur Hudson, and brother - Johnny Hudson.

Survivors include her daughter: Melissa M Glavan, Enterprise, Ala.; son: J Michael (Rhonda) Maddox, Dothan; grandsons: Garrett Maddox, Dothan, and Trey Glavan, Enterprise; and sister: Sue Parker, Wetumpka, Ala.

LOU
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reaching the checkout counter, Lou Lou was given her total. As she placed her form of payment into the machine, a total stranger at the checkout next to her tried to call out to the cashier in time to stop Lou Lou from paying... This total stranger wanted to pay for the items Lou Lou was purchasing!

Unfortunately, Lou Lou's payment processed before the kind person was able to complete her task, but it was the thought that counted. The stranger explained to Lou Lou and the cashiers that she had been trying to pay for others "things" more lately. She said people were always paying for her meals, etc., and she wanted to return that kindness to others.

That really hit home with Cuzin Lou Lou, and she thanked the lady for her sweet gesture, even though it didn't work out this time.

All week long, Lou Lou has thought of that kind stranger, and she has determined kindness does still exist in others. We've just got to make way for it to be shown.

Lou Lou hopes she can do a better job of that herself! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



WILLIAM JOHNSON BLAIR

Mr. William (Bill) Johnson Blair, of Ariton, Ala., died peacefully Sunday, March 6, 2022, at the home of his granddaughter, Jeni & Tom Teachman in Beverly Hills, Fla.

Mr. Blair was born in Opp, Ala. to Mary Alice Johnson and Louie Monroe Blair on August 11, 1934. He attended primary elementary school in Opp. William married Jean House of Lumpkin, Ga. on December 30, 1953. William & Jean moved to Ocoee, Fla. in the early '60s where they raised their four children. They later moved to Ferndale, Fla. where they lived for many years before retiring to Caryville, Fla. and Ariton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial services followed at the Damascus

Baptist Church Cemetery in Elba.

William was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 50 years, Jean House Blair; his father and mother; sisters, Mary Ellen Blair, Opal Deese, and Coralee Hobbs; brothers, James Blair and Jerry Blair; daughter, Carolyn Blair Dooley; son-in-law, Michael Dooley; and granddaughter, Chrissy Dooley Calhoun.

Survivors include his children: Patricia Alexander (Peter), Winter Garden, Fla., William (Rusty) Blair, Chipley, Fla., and Deborah Glass, Toledo, Ohio; his brother: John Blair, Westville, Fla. [who died less than 24 hours after his brother]; his grandchildren: Jeni Teachman (Tom), Kelly Hall, Shannon Dooley, William Daniel Blair, Steven Glass (Liz), Matthew Dooley, Krystal Blair, Jessica Mathesius, Jonathan Glass, Mark Glass, and Melissa Roberts (Russ); 18 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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What is a Mausoleum?
There are a number of alternatives to traditional burial in the ground. One common option is to be placed in a mausoleum. A mausoleum is a building specially designed to house the dead; it may be constructed specifically for a single person, or it may be intended to house the remains of multiple people.

This isn't a new concept, and in fact, mausoleums have been in use around the world for thousands of years. Today, many cemeteries offer access to mausoleums, and you might also consider having a mausoleum built as a place for your immediate family to all eventually be entombed together.

Bodies in a mausoleum are entombed in a defined space known as the crypt. There are a few benefits to this, and the most obvious is simply that entombment in a crypt is cleaner and drier than burial in the ground. Because mausoleums are buildings, they provide an enclosed space for visitors to come and pay their respects year-round. And, mausoleums typically use less land space than traditional burial plots do, making them a surprisingly eco-friendly option.

Finally, mausoleums offer a defined space that can be reserved for a couple or for an entire family—making it one of the best ways to ensure you and your loved ones ultimately share the same final resting place and it's easy for future generations to come pay their respects.

If entombment in a mausoleum is something you'd like to consider, the best way to proceed is simply to reach out to your local funeral director to learn more about the options available to you.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by JON WESLEY BRAGG, an unmarried person, on the 17th day of September 2019, to 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in A/OFFR Book 188A, Page 748, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on April 13, 2022, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: A lot or parcel of land located in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T7N, R21E, Jack Community, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the South line of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T7N, R21E, and the West right of way of Alabama Highway #167 (R/W 140'); thence run S 89° 46' 58" W for 1159.95 feet to the East right of way of Coffee County Road #201 (R/W 80'); thence run N 03° 16' 18" W chord distance along said R/W for 828.99 feet; thence run S 86° 58' 56" E for 605.87 feet; thence run S 22° 03' 22" E for 118.07 feet; thence run S 77° 39' 44" E

for 219.21 feet; thence run N 89° 46' 43" E for 362.27 feet to the West right of way of Alabama Highway #167; thence run S 02° 09' 58" W along said R/W for 636.95 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being entirely located in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T7N, R21E, Jack Community, Coffee County, Alabama, and containing 20.1 acres more or less.

According to that certain survey by Lee Ashley Yelverton, License No. 326323 dated July 12, 2019, INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2020 Buccaneer manufactured home, Serial No. CBC050539ALAB;

together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of

redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

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2022 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants set for Saturday, March 19, in Jack, Ala.



Crimson Zade Thornley
Future Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Lily Kate Roberts
Future Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Everleigh Claire Sasser
Future Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Harper Anne Motes
Future Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Ella Kate Sneed
Future Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant

Trinity Armani Gray
Future Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Emilee Katherine Sasser
Petite Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Paisley Katherine Jordan
Petite Miss Zion Chapel
contestant

The 2022 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Zion Chapel School auditorium. The pageants are sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, Ala.

The categories of Future Little Miss, Little Miss, and Petite Miss will compete at 2 p.m. The categories of Pre-Teen Miss, Junior Miss, Teen Miss and Miss will compete at 6 p.m.



Briana Michelle Potete
Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Isabella LeAnn Boutwell
Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Kinley Jane Logan
Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Allison Grace Bunt
Petite Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Gracelyn Shae Wilkerson
Petite Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Annabelle Rayne Faircloth
Pre-Teen Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Emma-Kate Jordan
Pre-Teen Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Sarah Paige Moseley
Pre-Teen Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Ella Jordan Saunders
Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Kerrigan Keith Powell
Junior Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Emma Lou Faircloth
Junior Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Ava Hayden Duncan
Junior Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Laurel Tattan Allen
Junior Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Savannah Lee Campbell
Teen Miss Zion Chapel
contestant



Aryn Elisabeth Nelson
Miss Zion Chapel
contestant

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

"Good Luck" to
Isabella LeAnn
Boutwell
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contestant #2
Love! Nana

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Good Luck!
Smile Big!!
Savannah Campbell,
Teen Miss Zion Chapel contestant
Love, Mama, Daddy,
Ethan & Allie

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

"Good Luck" to
Aryn Nelson
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'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Good Luck to
Peyton Parrish!
Teen Miss Zion Chapel Contestant
We Love You!
Nana and Daddy Dale

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Good Luck to
Ella Kate Sneed!
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Love, Mommy,
Daddy & Evelyn

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Good Luck to
Peyton Parrish!
Brooke and family
Dana and family
Jared, Ashlyn & Haley

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"Good Luck" to
our niece Lily Kate
Future Little Miss contestant #2
Love from Alaska -
Aunt Kate, Coppola, Nate,
Charles Henry & Charlotte Grace

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"Good Luck" to
Annabelle Faircloth
Pre-Teen Miss ZC Contestant
Love, Mom and Dad
Buddy, and Papa

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Good Luck to
Briana Potete
Little Miss Zion Chapel Contestant
Love, Mom, Dad,
Trinity & Delilah

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Peyton Elizabeth Parrish
Teen Miss Zion Chapel
contestant

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"Good Luck!"
Allie Bunt, Petite Miss contestant
Love, Uncle Larry,
Aunt Jill,
Ethan & Savannah

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Emma-Kate Jordan
Pre-Teen Miss Contestant
Good Luck,
Baby!
We Love You More...
Rick and Kat

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"Good Luck" to
Ella Kate Sneed
Future Little Miss Contestant
Love, Mommy,
Daddy & Evelyn

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Good Luck to all the Contestants!
From, Your Friends at The Elba Clipper!!

LIFESTYLES

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"Good Luck" to
Bella Boutwell!
Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant
Love, Bella Bane

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"Good Luck" to
Laurel Allen
Junior Miss Contestant
We Love You!
Mom and Dad

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Good Luck,
Peyton Parrish!
Teen Miss Zion Chapel Contestant
Love Always,
Mom & Dad

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants



2021 Future Little Miss
Zion Chapel
Sarah Paisley Allen
I'm So Proud of You!
Love, MISS JESSICA

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants



"Good Luck"
Isabella Boutwell
Little Miss Zion Chapel contestant
Love, Dad, Mom
& Colie

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants



"Good Luck"
Isabella Boutwell
Little Miss Zion Chapel
contestant #2
Randle & Sandra Moore

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants



2021 Petite Miss ZC
Sophie Prescott
We Are So Proud of You!
Love, Daddy, Momma
and Finn

'22 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants



"Good Luck"
Isabella Boutwell!
Little Miss ZC contestant #2
Love,
Uncle Andy and
Aunt Tracy

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Miss Faith Dewberry and Mr. Jack Bates

Dewberry-Bates wedding planned for June 11, 2022 in Alabaster, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dewberry of Jack, Alabama are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Faith Dewberry of Helena, Alabama, to Jack Bates of Locust Fork, son of Tracy and Allen Robinette of Locust Fork, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Patricia Lewis Booth and the late Sam Booth of the New Hope Community, Steve and Tonda Dewberry of Jack, and Terry and Judy Ogleby of Jack.

Faith is a 2015 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and a 2019 graduate of Troy University. She is currently employed by the Alabaster City school system.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Robert Maddox and the late Cheryl Maddox of Locust Fork, and Judy Robinette and the late Peedy Robinette of Locust Fork.

Jack is a 2015 graduate of Locust Fork High School and he is currently employed by a tractor company out of Birmingham, Alabama.

The wedding is planned for June 11, 2022 at The Lodge at Mallard Landing in Alabaster, Alabama.

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 HAD a special called meeting Monday, March 14, at 10 a.m. to initiate Michael Scott Oglesby into Elba Lodge #170. Nine Masonic brothers from surrounding lodges participated with the Elba Masons. Reportedly, a good time was had by all.

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fun watching the students as they prepare for these competitions because she gets to see those 'light bulb' moments when things start coming together. She said watching the students grow as they are going through the process is fun for her.

"The competitions definitely have helped us with our communication skills," O'Neal said.

McKelvy added, "It has improved my confidence and bettered my verbal communications."

The youngest of the four Elba competitors was Keelie Moseley, and she competed in Repurpose and Redesign Level One. She made Hug Bugs for her project.

Moseley said Hug Bugs are little stuffed animals that notes can be placed in their wings and then given to people. She said she gave Hug Bugs to her family and friends, sister queens, and residents in the nursing home too.

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Morgan said the trip will cost approximately \$1,800 for each student, which means fundraising will begin. Anyone willing to make a contribution to FCCLA is asked to contact Christina Morgan at Elba High School.

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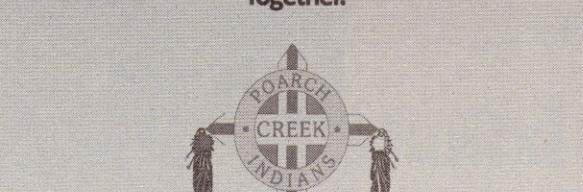
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Sealed proposals will be received by Elba City School Board of Education at the office of Elba City School Board of Education, 131 Tiger Drive; Elba, Alabama 36323 until 11:00 am CST Thursday, April 14, 2022, for the construction of Elba City Schools Resurfacing and Erosion Repairs; DCM (BC) Project Number: 2021 128; PSCA Project Number: 9200, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Hon. Jeffrey W. Kelley Circuit Court Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit.

Dana Delk P.O. Box 5064 Montgomery, Alabama 36103 Attorney for Catina Medley

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO PC-22-012

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY WILBURN BLACKMON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Mandy Blackmon Powers, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Johnny Wilburn Blackmon, deceased, on the 1st day of March, 2022, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of Elba City School Board of Education; 131 Tiger Drive; Elba, Alabama and Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc.; 201 East Troy Street; Andalusia, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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2022 COFFEE COUNTY ALABAMA TAX LIST

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE

I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, Jodee R. Thompson, of said county on March 1, 2022 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on April 19th, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. the following described Real Estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2021.

March 17, 24 & 31, 2022

BOLTON JUDY	GRANT PAUL WAYNE	HOLLEY DON L 20-06-13-000-011.000 S/T/R-
KAYROH: RUDDOCK	03-04-20-0-000-003.000	13/03N/19E BEG @
RACHEL H; 12-05-22-0-000-001.002 S/T/R-	PT OF NW 1/4 OF NE	INTER OF N/R/W OF
22/05N/19E COMM @	1/4 DESC AS ALL THAT	CO RD 474 & W LINE
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OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4	BLUFF SPRINGS RD IN	350', S 796'S, W 131.15'
SELY 610' TO POB SWLY	NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 CONT	N 57.12', SW 139.82,
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	Printer's Fee 19.14	
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	Printer's Fee 35.64	
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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jon Isaacs, Pastor
Grace Fellowship Holiness Church

REDEEMING OUR VISION OF GOD - PART 1
"But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped." (Psalms 73:2)

These words were penned by a lesser-known Bible character by the name of Asaph. Asaph was what we would think of as a choir director for the temple during the days of David. According to 1 Chronicles 25:1-2, he was one who "prophesied according to the order of the king" through music. He was a singer of spiritual songs, but he was also a spiritual man. Asaph believed that what he wrote and sang about God was true. So, when he wrote in verse 1 of Psalm 73, "truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart," he believed it to be absolute truth, a vital truth...God is good. Those are much more than mere words. Our belief in the goodness of God is a foundational truth for our faith.

But Psalm 73 gives us an intimate look into a time when Asaph's faith was in trouble. In fact, he writes in verse 2, "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped." (3) For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." He knew God was good, and just, and holy; but he didn't understand how a good and just God could allow the wicked to prosper, while he himself was "all the day long plagued, and chastened every morning." Asaph was being tempted to declare "Divine injustice." He could never deny that God was good to His people; but it also seemed as if God was good, perhaps too good, to those who made no attempt to live righteously. Rock bottom for Asaph was the statement in verse 13:

"Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence."

The key to understanding Asaph's struggle is seen in verse 3, "For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." Asaph took his eyes off The Lord! He didn't set-out to slip-up, but steady faith requires a consistent heavenward gaze. When we allow our focus to be drawn away from the eternal things of God to the ever-shifting things of this world, it is only a matter of time before we slip and fall.

Distractions come in all shapes and sizes. For Asaph it was a misunderstanding of God's goodness; for others it's the unexplainable suffering in the world. In our modern 24-hour newscycle it's easy to find something to draw our attention away from the stability of our faith.

But Asaph's "faith-crisis" puts him in the good company of some of God's greatest saints. Even John the Baptist needed reassurance while he awaited execution in prison for preaching truth (Matthew 11).

Next week we will look at how Asaph recovered from his near slip. The remedy may surprise you for its simplicity.

To be continued...

Visit the Water/Ways Exhibit now at the Elba Theatre!
Thru March 25, 2022

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship ... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night ... Peak of the Week & meal ... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer ... 6:15 p.m.
p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Philip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF PROPHECY

H.L. Bellinger, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERY

TABLE CHURCH
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEW ZION

CHURCH
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W.K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

ELBA UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY

OF GOD
Shirlee Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST

CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HERBON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST

CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST

CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church to host Spring Revival, March 28-30, in Elba

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 720 W Davis St, Elba, Ala., announces its Spring Revival set for March 28-30, at 6:30 p.m. nightly.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Revivalist will be Pastor Jamal Browder of North Star Missionary Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thinking of You! Praying for You.
Elder J.L. Hill, Evelyn B. Manning, Ernestine B. Kelley, Mary Sue Dawson, Joshua A. Kelley, Min. Robert Edwards

March Birthdays / Anniversaries
Marion and Joyce S. Jones 3/15 W.A.
Freddie Robinson 3/16 Mark Whitfield 3/16 Paula Elliard 3/16 Jerri Smith 3/16 Jimmy and Samella T. Edwards 3/18 W.A.

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of 3/17/22
True or False

Q: Paul affirmed that Abraham's belief was counted as righteousness.

A: True [Romans 4:3]

Q: Jesus healed ten men with leprosy.

A: True [Luke 17: 12-14]

Q: Sinning willfully results in no more sacrifice for sin.

A: True [Hebrews 10:26]

Better at Doing or Telling?
I entered seminary as a young man. At a retreat for incoming students, we had opportunity to get acquainted with our professors outside of the formal classroom setting. A feature speaker was a leader widely known in Christian circles for his devotional life. It seemed we were in for a treat.

The "treat" turned into a "treatment"; the speaker described in great detail how he arose early every morning to pray for four hours - detailing everything he thought the Lord needed to know. Not once did he mention listening to what God might be trying to tell him.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Cemetery Trust Fund meeting set for March 27th for Pleasant Ridge Baptist

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church announces a planned meeting of the Church Cemetery Trust Fund on Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m. All concerned people are urged to attend.

Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

Church Directory

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Laura Flowers, Minister

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Julian Mitchell, Pastor

4th Sun. Morn.

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

Donald Mills, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Kan Wilson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Danny Bynum, Interim Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Kenneth Hagler, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Donnie Marler, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cary Mauldin, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

SPORTS NEWS

VIEWS FROM The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was beaming with pride last week when he told me 'Team Tech' had completed the construction of its robot and was ready to advance to the next step, which will be to put the machine in action. Maybe if I can find the parts he can build me a self-propelled lawn mower that will save his 'ole Granddaddy some hours in the sun.

For what it is worth....

*** *It wasn't the best of weeks* for the Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers as both the varsity and junior varsity teams for both groups suffered a winless week. On the baseball field, the Tigers saw their recent losing streak continue with a pair of lopsided losses to Kinston and Ariton, while the JV also lost to Kinston in their return to the field after a short break. The Tigers have way too much talent to be a losing team, and I have no doubt they will wake up one day soon and start piling up the wins! Over on the softball field, the Lady Tigers outlasted Ariton 4-3 in a ten-run loss due to a dozen free trips on the bases by walks. The girls have one of the area's top young pitchers and I know as she gains experience and more control of her pitches she and the Lady Tigers will be just fine.

*** *The biggest news on the area high school baseball scene* has been the play of the teams from Zion Chapel and the pitching of New Brockton ace Drew Cashin. The Rebels have built a winning program and have quietly taken the area by storm as the varsity team has raced out to a 7-1 record and the freshman team has run off 14 straight wins. Zion Chapel struggled last season, but has bounced back strong and has apparently built a program that is built for the long haul. It is good to see the Rebels back winning and having so many players involved in the process. You can bet the folks up at ZC are excited, and have a reason to be! Over at New Brockton the Gamecocks are headed for another winning season, and one of the reasons why has been the play of Drew Cashin. The senior right-handed pitcher tossed an early-season no-hitter against Elba with 20 strikeouts and last week tossed a one-hitter with 18 strikeouts in a shutout win over Geneva County. So far this season Cashin has pitched 22 and one-third innings, has a 0.00 earned run average, has allowed only four hits and has struck out 64 opposing batters. There is no doubt the Gamecocks have a stopper on the mound!

*** *Well, it looks like all the baseball fans* across the nation will get to enjoy a full season after all since the owners announced last week they had agreed to a new five-year contract with the players. It was announced all the teams would play a 162-game schedule and that the season would begin in four weeks. The four weeks will be filled with news since over 200 free agents are still unsigned, including Atlanta's Freddie Freeman, and teams will be looking to fill their rosters. A couple of things included in the new contract include a minimum wage of \$700,000 a season that will go up to \$780,000 in 2026; a new salary cap of \$230 million per team; a 12-team post-season playoff with the top two division winners getting a first round bye; the use of a designated hitter in both leagues; a six-team draft lottery to take the place of the team with the worst record picking first in the draft; and the addition of advertising that will allow patches on jerseys and decals on helmets. Yep, baseball is back, even if it will look a little different.

*** *Alabama and Auburn will both be in the NCAA tournament* and have the talent to make a run in the 68-team event, but both left their fans mighty unhappy last week after being eliminated in the opening round of the SEC tournament. The Crimson Tide blew a 15-point lead and will be no doubt limping into post-season play, while the Tigers played their worst half of the season and saw a late rally fall short. I hope the two teams win a bunch of games in the tournament and meet for a third time somewhere down the line, but while Auburn may make a run, I see the Tide running back to Tuscaloosa.

*** *In closing....* Zion Chapel hired a new football coach last week that said all the right things about the school, the program and the community, and while many in the area believe the new head man is heading into a 'no win' situation, I feel he is arriving at just the right time. All the boys sports programs at the school, except football, have developed a winning attitude and I can't help but believe that winning spirit will carry over to the football field. There are times the Rebels are simply outmatched in football, but they always play hard for all four quarters, and that spirit and pride is just what it takes to build a winning program. The folks at Zion Chapel will no doubt support the new coach, and need to give him time to get his program established. Before long everyone may be surprised except the Rebels players and coaches as the wins start coming at a rapid pace.



The Elba High School Golf Team enjoyed a big win last week when they won a match on their home turf at the Elba Country Club. Elba's golfers are pictured above (from left): Jordan Hammonds, Bradley Chapman, Trace Grantham, Jay Wilson, Paxton Wise, Carson Wise, Collin Sauls, and Peyton McCart.

Elba High Golfers win match at Elba Country Club

The Elba Tigers varsity golf team added its second match win to the 2022 season last Friday, March 11, when the Tigers defeated Brantley and Andalusia in a match at the Elba Country Club. The team total of 319 on the day placed second with a team total of 345, and Tucker Kilcrease was the low medalist for the match with a 77. Andalusia's golf team had a team total of 381.

In the varsity team event, Elba was represented by Peyton McCart (82), Collin Sauls (78), Paxton Wise (78), Jay Wilson (81) and Trace Grantham (82) for a

Elba Tigers swept by Kinston

The Elba Tigers made the short trip down to Kinston last week and dropped two games to the Kinston Bulldogs as the varsity lost 8-3 and the junior varsity dropped an 11-3 decision.

Following is a recap of both games:

(Varsity)

The Elba Tigers were tied at 1-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, only to see Kinston come to life at the plate late in the game as the Bulldogs rallied to pull away and claimed an 8-3 win.

Kinston had an early scoring threat in the bottom of the first inning when the Bulldogs used a hit batter and two walks to load the bases with no outs. However, Elba's Carson Wise came in from the outfield to take over on the mound and recorded two strikeouts a weak grounder to first base as the Tigers escaped the early threat.

Elba stranded two runners on base in the top of the third on a pair of walks, but broke through in the fourth and plated a run to grab a 1-0 lead. Paxton Wise reached on an error to start the Tigers rally, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch, and reached home on a sacrifice fly by Ty Sieving to put Elba on the scoreboard.

Kinston answered the Elba run with a run of its own in the bottom of the frame when Cade Jones reached on a walk, went to third on an error off the bat of John Free, and scored on a fielder's choice by CJ Lunsford.

The Tigers stranded runners on second and third in the fifth, but Kinston managed to send a runner across the plate in the bottom of the inning when Jeb Crosby ripped a lead-off single, went to second when Cale Sumblin was hit by a pitch and scored on a hit by JW Mikel after an Elba error on the throw to the infield.

Elba stranded two more runners on base in the sixth, while Kinston came to life in the bottom of the inning as the Bulldogs scored six runs to take an 8-1 lead.

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Elba's Carson Wise (13) delivers a pitch during a recent baseball game. Wise came in and got the Tigers out of an early bases loaded jam against Kinston.

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The Elba Tigers saw an early 2-0 lead vanish in an 11-3 loss to the Kinston Bulldogs. Jordan Hammonds had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Cole Shehee added 1 hit and 1 RBI, and Jay Wilson and Trace Grantham both added 1 hit. Three Elba pitchers combined to throw two and two-thirds innings and allowed six earned runs on four hits and nine walks, while recording for strikeouts. Colby Tew had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 RBIs to lead Kinston, three.

Landon Tyler had 3 hits, including a grand-slam home run, scored 3 runs and recorded 5 RBIs to lead the Purple Cats, while Phenix Griffin added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 RBIs, Hughes Hammock was the winning pitcher as he tossed a five-inning shutout on four hits and recorded three strikeouts.

Elba's Lady Tigers swept on road

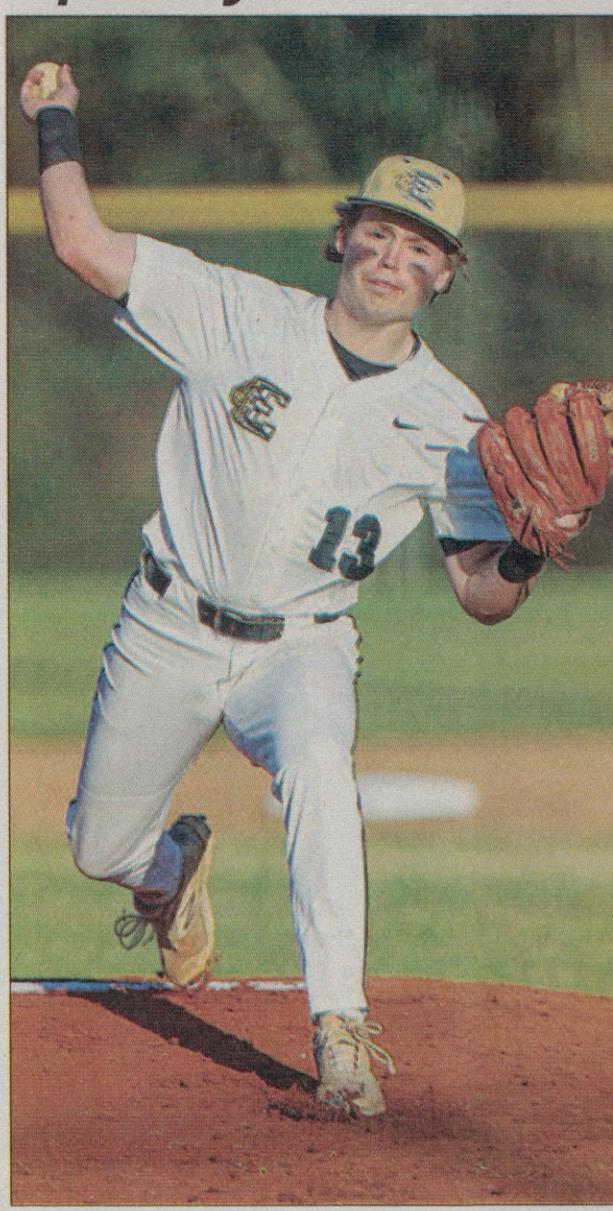
road loss to the Ariton Lady Cats.

The Lady Tigers outlasted Ariton 4-3 in the five inning contest, but allowed 12 walks that led to numerous runs as they dropped the key area clash.

Hailee Layton had 2 hits, including a double, to lead Elba at the plate, while Denaejah Flowers and Andrya Chism both added 1 hit. Anise Herring and Mattie Grace Heath both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI to lead the Lady Cats.

(Junior Varsity)

The Elba Lady Tigers trailed only 5-0 after two innings, but couldn't keep it close late in a 15-0 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Mary Kelley, Makayla Moore, Sydney Siler and Keebie Moseley all reached base on walks as the Lady Tiger were the victims of a no-hitter. Lizzy Woodfaulk had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 RBIs to lead Ariton, while Melissa Hudson added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 RBIs.



Elba Tiger Carson Wise (13) delivers a pitch during a recent baseball game. Wise came in and got the Tigers out of an early bases loaded jam against Kinston.

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while Brant McCollough he tossed a complete game added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and allowed 4 hits and two walks, while striking out five.

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SCHEMES

Thursday, March 17

(Baseball)

Elba at G.W. Long (2V) 4:00
Pleasant Home at Kinston (2V) 4:00
Red Level at Brantley (V) 4:30

(Softball)

Elba at Carroll (JV-V) 5:00
New Brockton at Opp (JV-V) 4:30
Zion Chapel at G.W. Long (JV-V) 4:30
Brantley at Andalusia (JV-V) 4:30

(Golf)

New Brockton, Brantley, at Andalusia

Tuesday, March 22

(Baseball)

Kinston at Samson (V) 5:00
Andalusia at Kinston (V) 4:30

(Softball)

Highland Home at New Brockton (JV-V) 4:30
Slocomb at Zion Chapel (JV-V) 4:30

(Tournament)

Elba, in Florala JV Tournament

(Golf)

Elba, Elba County Club (Soccer)
G.W. Long at New Brockton (G-B) 5:30

(Wednesday, March 23)

(Golf)

Elba, at Cambrian Ridge, Greenville

Friday, March 18

(Baseball)

Brantley at Red Level (2V) 4:30
Carroll at New Brockton (JV-V) 4:30

(Softball)

Kinston, in Carroll Tournament
Elba, in Florala JV Tournament

(Golf)

Andalusia at New Brockton (B) 5:30

(Wednesday, March 23)

(Golf)

Elba, at Cambrian Ridge, Greenville

Saturday, March 19

(Baseball)

New Brockton vs. Prattville (V) 11:00

(Softball)

Kinston, in Carroll Tournament

(Tournament)

Elba, in Florala JV Tournament

(Monday, March 21)

(Baseball)

New Brockton at Elba (V) 4:30

(Softball)

Northside Methodist at Zion Chapel (JV-V) 4:30

Thursday, March 24

(Baseball)

Zion Chapel at Elba (2JV) 4:30

(Tournament)

Samson at Kinston (2V) 4:30

(Opp at New Brockton (V) 4:30

(Brantley at Highland Home (V) 4:30)

(Softball)

Northside Methodist at Zion Chapel (JV-V) 4:30

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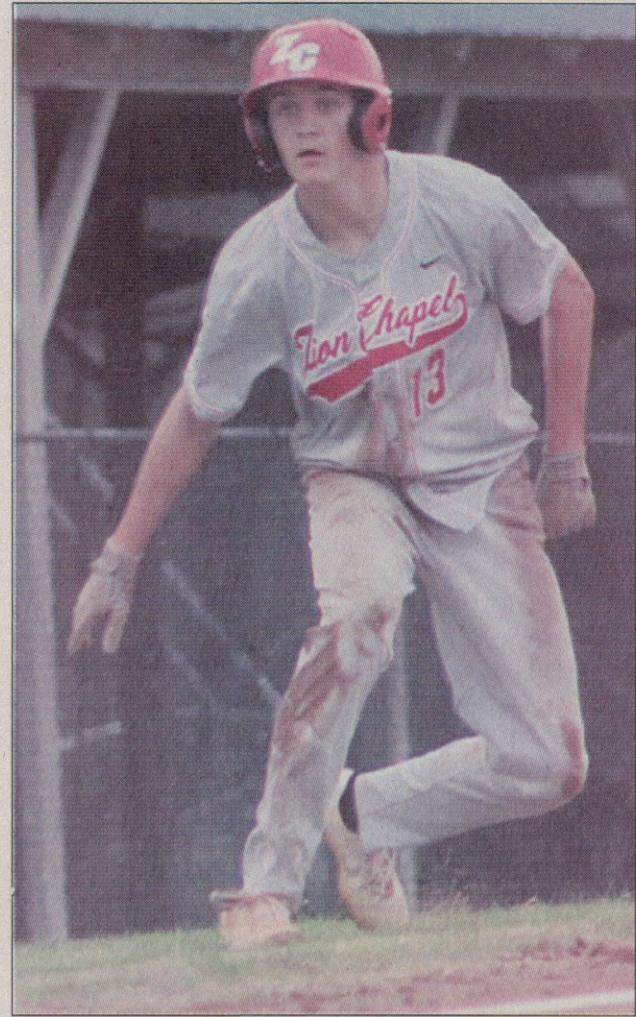
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SPORTS NEWS



Zion Chapel Rebel Wes Braisted (13) rounds third and keeps an eye on the plate in a recent win.

(Photo by Heather Arnold Adcock)

(Baseball - Varsity)

New Brockton 6 Geneva County 0 – Drew Cashin threw a 1-hit shutout with 18 strikeouts to lead the New Brockton Gamecocks to a 6-0 win over the Geneva County Bulldogs. Gabe Herrington had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Drew Cashin and Brayson Carr both added 2 hits, and Jaxon Whitworth added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

New Brockton 12 Brantley 7 – The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their winning ways with an impressive 12-7 win over the Brantley Bulldogs. Mason Stuart had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rebels, while Dayne Bannin added 2 hits and 1 rbi; Brodie Stinson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Wes Braisted added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Austin Jordan added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Dayne Bannin was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings and allowed three hits and three walks, while striking out five. Kaleb Weed had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Jordan Parks added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Jon Bush added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Cooper Layton added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Four Brantley pitchers combined to throw seven innings and allowed six hits and eight walks, while striking out nine.

New Brockton 11 Slocumb 8 – The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead 8-0 in the top of the sixth inning and held on to post an 11-8 win over the Slocumb Red Tops. Kaden Cupp had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Drew Cashin added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Brayson Carr added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Payton Green and Gabe Herrington both added 1 hit and had 2 rbi's. Kaden Cupp was the winning pitcher as he threw a complete game two-hitter with nine strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 14 Kinston 10 – The Zion Chapel Rebels opened up a 10-0 fourth inning lead and held on late to escape with a wild 14-10 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Paden Booth had 2 hits, including a home run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Bryce Watson added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Ian Herbert added 1 hit,

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scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Austin Jordan added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Paden Booth was the winning pitcher as he tossed five innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits and eight walks, while striking out eight. Owen Patterson had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Jeb Crosby added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Cale Sunblin added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Reese Hall and CJ Lunsford both scored 2 runs.

Straughn 9 Brantley 7 – The Brantley Bulldogs led through five innings in a 9-7 extra inning loss to the Straughn Tigers. Jon Bush had 4 hits, including 3 doubles, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Tyson Grant added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Cooper Layton added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and Tucker Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Three Bulldog pitchers combined to toss eight innings and allowed seven earned runs on seven hits and six walks, while striking out five.

Zion Chapel 15 Kinston 4 – The Zion Chapel Rebels used an 11-run third inning to take command and rolled to a big 15-4 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Paden Booth had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Wes Braisted added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and Morgan Sanders added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's. Austin Jordan was the winning pitcher as he pitched a complete game two-hitter with five strikeouts. Owen Patterson and JW Mikel both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs.

(Softball - Varsity)

Brantley 4 Houston Academy 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs got back on track with an impressive 4-2 win over the previously unbeaten Houston Academy Lady Raiders. The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 3-0 second inning lead and held on to claim the big road win. Kaylee Navarre hit a solo home run, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Anna Little added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game four-hitter with nine strikeouts.

Opp 6 Brantley 5 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rallied from a 5-1 deficit to pull even, but saw a walk off home run end their comeback hopes in a 6-5 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Kaylee Navarre had 3 hits, including a double and a home run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Sheonte Barginere added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Kayden Dunn added 2 hits.

Geneva 5 Kinston 4 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all seven innings and saw an early 3-0 advantage vanish in a 5-4 loss to the Geneva Lady Panthers. Makaley Boswell had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Geneva, while Erin Curry added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Madison Johnson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. No stats were available for Kinston.

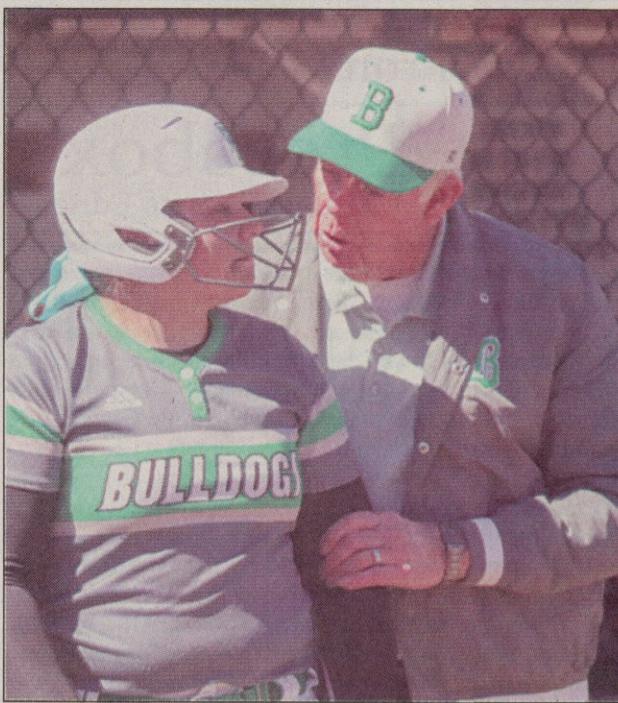
Brantley 10 Red Level 0 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late in a 10-0 win over the Red Level Lady Tigers. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Annah Little added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Sheonte Barginere added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Kaden Dunn blasted a home run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's. Kaylene Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game five-hit shutout and struck out 12.

G.W. Long 16 New Brockton 14 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a late lead slip away in a high scoring 16-14 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Lizzy Everts had 3 hits, scored 4 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Jordyn Thornton added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Kennedy Hussey added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Shelby Hobbs added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Madison Meeks added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's.

Zion Chapel 13 Samson 4 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a 5-run third inning to pull ahead and a 4-run seventh inning to pull away in a 13-4 win over the Samson Lady Tigers. Shea Wambles had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Sydney Boothe added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Emily Rhoades added 2 hits and had 1 rbi. Sydney Boothe was the winning pitcher as she pitched a complete game six-hitter with 11 strikeouts.

New Brockton 5 Northside Methodist 2 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks led all the way in a 5-2 win over Northside Methodist, at a tournament in Dothan. Kierstin Sunday had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Jaiden Radcliffe scored 2 runs. Jordyn Thornton was the winning pitcher as she tossed four innings and allowed one hit, while striking out five.

Slocumb 12 New Brockton 7 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a 4-4 third inning tie vanish in a 12-7



Brantley Lady Bulldog coach Jimmy Johnson talks with a player during a break in the action.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

loss to the Slocumb Lady Red Tops, in a tournament in Dothan. Kierstin Sunday had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Jordyn Thornton added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

New Brockton 9 Cottonwood 7 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks pulled ahead 7-0 early and held on late to defeat the Cottonwood Lady Bears, in a tournament in Dothan. Lizzy Everts had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kennedy Hussey added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Jordyn Thornton added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Kierstin Sunday and Shelby Hobbs both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Katie Qualls and Jordyn Thornton combined to scatter nine hits inside the circle and allowed six earned runs on nine hits.

(Baseball - Junior Varsity)

New Brockton 2 Geneva County 2 – The New Brockton Gamecocks scored late to pull into a 2-2 tie with the Geneva County Bulldogs. Bryant Crumpler and Dawson Smith both scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Landin Norri had 1 rbi. Jacob Fisher and Dalton Holloway combined to pitch six innings and allowed one hit and five walks, while recording nine strikeouts.

New Brockton 13 Slocumb 5 – The New Brockton Gamecocks used a 10-run third inning to take command in a 13-5 win over the Slocumb Red Tops. James Downing had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Kyle GaVette added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; Blake Peterson added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and Hunter Bedsole added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Chase Ray was the winning pitcher as he tossed a four-inning three-hitter with nine strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 11 Brantley 4 – The Zion Chapel Rebels scored 7 runs in the first inning to grab an early lead and combined 4 walks with 12 walks in the four inning game to roll to an 11-4 win over the Brantley Bulldogs. Tyler Bass had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Jeremiah Eddins, Benjamin Hobbs and Colt Trawick all added 1 hit; and, Gavin Finger, Brayden Benbow and Kavan Brown all scored 2 runs. Dylan Davis was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings and allowed three hits and one walk, while striking out six. Cody Compton had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Bulldogs, while Thomas Whitehurst added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Riley Odom added 2 hits and Chaz Branum scored 1 run.

Zion Chapel 10 Kinston 2 – The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to post a big 10-2 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Macon Allen had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Kavan Brown added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi, and John Foster Hamm added 1 hit and scored 1 run. John Foster Hamm was the winning pitcher he tossed a complete game and allowed one earned run on one hit and three walks, while recording 14 strikeouts. Bram McCollough had 1 hit and Colby Tew had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs.

Zion Chapel 10 Kinston 2 – The Zion Chapel Rebels used a 6-run third inning to take command and coasted in with a 10-2 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. John Foster Hamm and Kavan Brown both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Rebels, while Tyler Bass and Conner Lee both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Brady Flowers was the winning pitcher as he tossed five innings and allowed three hits, while striking out eight. Judd Green had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs, while Brant McCollough and Drew Branch both added 1 hit.

New Brockton 6 Luverne 2 – The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and rode the strong arm of Dalton Holloway to post a 6-2 win over the Luverne Tigers. Josh LaCross had 1 hit and 1 rbi and Cayden Wallace added 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Robert Boutwell added 1 hit and Dawson Peacock scored 2 runs. Dalton Holloway was the winning pitcher as he tossed a complete game no-hitter with five strikeouts.

New Brockton 7 Luverne 5 – The New Brockton Gamecocks overcame an early 3-1 deficit to defeat the Luverne Tigers 7-5. Jacob Fisher had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Nick Cassady and Cayden Wallace both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Dawson Peacock scored 2 runs. Jacob Fisher and Dawson Peacock combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on one hit and three walks, while striking out seven.

(Softball - Junior Varsity)

G.W. Long 12 New Brockton 3 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a late rally fall far short in a 12-3 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Reese Danford had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Madison Meeks scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Megan Hudson scored 1 run.

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